

# SPECIAL OLYMPICS VIRGINIA

## Inspire Greatness!

SOVA was incorporated as a non-profit, 501 (c)(3) organization in 1974. Our mission is to provide year-round sports training and Olympic-type competition for citizens with intellectual disabilities in Virginia. Currently, more than 8,000 athletes participate in training and competition in 19 different sports.

Athletes in Virginia train and compete in aquatics, track & field, gymnastics, soccer, basketball, tennis, golf, powerlifting and other sports at local, regional, state and international levels. While our competition events are open to the public, it is our training program that forms the fundamental foundation for our athletes. Through the strong network of volunteer coaches, Special Olympics athletes spend countless hours preparing for the opportunity to compete for the gold, silver or bronze medals. In a sense, our athletes are training for life.

**Special Olympics Virginia Urban Programs** has developed, organized and implemented a local program within the City of Richmond. We provide year-round sports training and local athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with intellectual disabilities, specifically to: 1) students attending Richmond Public Schools, 2) adults living in group or residential homes within the City of Richmond, and 3) other Richmond residents.

**Our goal is to create partnerships and alliances** with local companies, churches, universities, organizations, Richmond Public Schools, and the City of Richmond. Also, SOVA hopes to bring all persons with intellectual disabilities into a larger society under conditions whereby they are accepted, respected and given the chance to become useful and productive citizens.

**Most recently, reports indicate that there are over 2,000** students with intellectual disabilities attending Richmond Public Schools. Currently, the Richmond City Urban Program has 27 schools partaking in at least two or more sports, totaling over 1,000 athletes in training and competition.

**A large group of adult residents** having intellectual disabilities in the City of Richmond lack the opportunity to participate with Special Olympics. Therefore, the Urban Programs is assisting seven local City of Richmond adult residential and group homes by providing local training and competition to residents. It is projected that over 300 adult residents will participate in several local Special Olympic events throughout 2007.

**Recruiting volunteers and coaches** for local, state, and national Special Olympic events has been the toughest challenge. Special Olympics Virginia needs volunteers who are committed to providing consistent training to athletes. Also, operational costs and lack of major sponsorship are challenges the Urban Programs must overcome. Likewise, inner city youth and adults with intellectual disabilities lack opportunities to compete on the local level due to a lack of financial resources and transportation. Consequently, these athletes are not given an opportunity to participate and succeed in Special Olympic State events.

**Support the Urban Programs!** This is an opportunity for the community to be a part of something exciting and beneficial. We welcome the entire City of Richmond, local universities, and neighboring agencies to become involved. For additional information please contact Floyd E. Miller, II, Director of Urban Programs at 804-346-5544, or visit the website at [www.specialolympicsva.org](http://www.specialolympicsva.org).

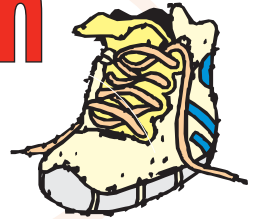


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# 6th Annual Walk-A-Thon



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**Win a FREE American Family Fitness Membership**



**Saturday**

**September 16, 2006**

**8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Byrd Park VITA COURSE (3 mile walk/run)**

<b>Name</b> _____			
<b>Address</b> _____			
<b>City</b> _____	<b>State</b> _____	<b>Zip</b> _____	
<b>Phone (day)</b> _____	<b>(eve)</b> _____	<b>Fax</b> _____	
<b>E-mail</b> _____			

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## COME WALK OR RUN WITH US!

***Make checks payable to Special Olympics Virginia.*** Complete registration form and mail or fax to Special Olympics Virginia at 804/346-9633 Attn: Floyd before September 15, 2006. For more information, contact 804/726-3035 or mail to: 3212 Skipwith Rd., Suite 100, Richmond, VA 23294. All donations must be turned in with the contribution form on the day of the event.

**The participant who raises the most money wins a free membership to American Family Fitness.**

# REGISTRATION FORM

To register, complete this form (please print)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

I will be participating in ☐ 1 mile ☐ 2 mile ☐ 3 mile

I will not be participating but will make a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_

My company will be making a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of company \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit before September 13, 2006 or bring this form on the day of the event and use to register for the event.



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